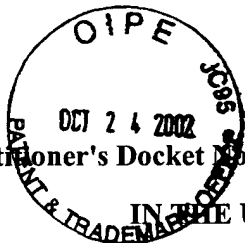


Practitioner's Docket No. SST/1032



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Bugbee, Michael W.; Crawford, Mark G.; and Commins, Alfred D.

Application No.: 09/692,674

Group No.: 3673

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Examiner: Safavi, Michael

For: Screw Fastener In Multi-Ply Wood Structure Shear Connection

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)**

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114, for the above identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted:

i. Payment of the issue fee

Prior to payment of issue fee.

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**ENCLOSURES**

3. Enclosed herewith is:

An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. Section 1.98)

Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

**FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e)).**

4. This application is on behalf of:

Other than a small entity

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: \$740

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**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

						OTHER THAN A (Col.1)(Col. 2)(Col. 3)SMALL ENTITY
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	8	Minus	20	= 0	x \$18 =	\$0
Indep.	2	Minus	3	= 0	x \$84 =	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$280 =	\$0
					Total Addit. Fee	\$0

- \* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3,
  - \*\* If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
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- The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

No additional fee for claims is required.

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

**TOTAL FEE(S) DUE**

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	<u>\$740.00</u>
Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Fee(s) Due:	\$740.00

**PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE**

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8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

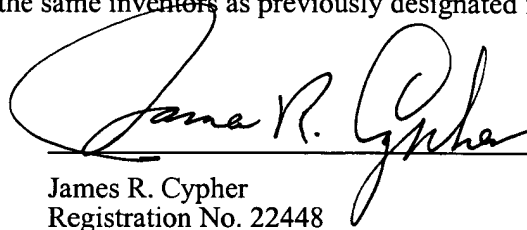
Check is attached for the sum of \$710.00. (Check no. 8990 )

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for Section 1.17(e), Section 1.16(b)-(d) and/or Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Account 03-4075

#### INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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